Rec'd PCT/PTO 2.0 SEP 2005 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 2-2005) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 March 2003 PCT/IL2004/000156 **19 February 2004** TITLE OF INVENTION SUPPLEMENTARY VASCULAR CLAMP FOR THE TOOL KIT OF AN OPEN APPROACH STAPLER APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Edward G. SHIFRIN et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. | have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made. 9. [X] An (Executed) oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. [X] A preliminary amendment.

14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76

15. [] A substitute specification.

16. [] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-

18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. [X] Other items or information (specify): 12 sheets of drawings; EFS form; postcard; Copy of 1st page of publication; PTO 1449 with 6 references

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